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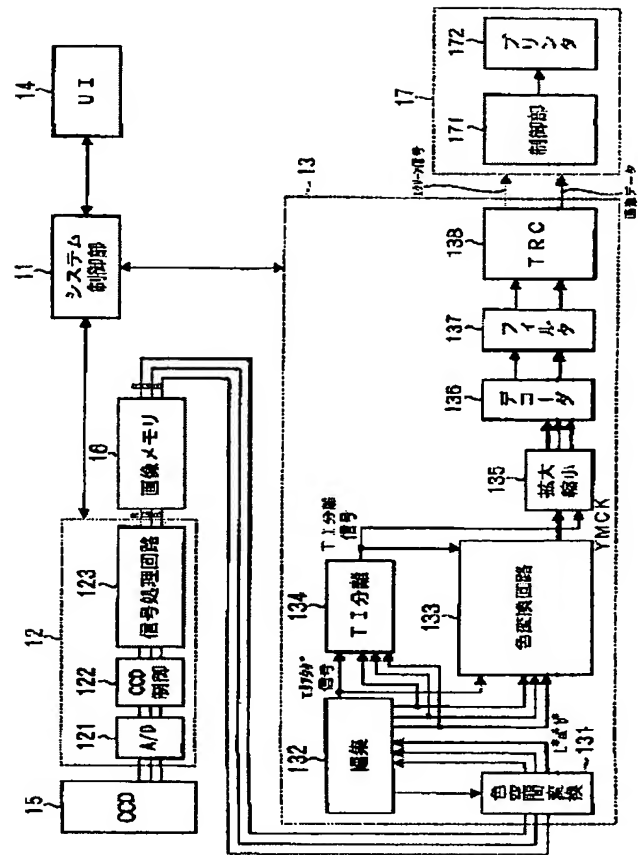
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TITLE : IMAGE-FORMING DEVICE



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To impart faithful color reproducibility to each original page outputted on a single sheet by synthesis and also to suppress toner consumption.

SOLUTION: An image memory 16 synthesizes a Nup-indicated number of sheets of image data. An editing part 132 generates an area tag signal of '00000' for a color original and an area tag signal of '10000' for a monochrome original in the respective composited originals. A color converting circuit 133 converts image data of each original into YMCK-type image data, in accordance with the area tag signal corresponding to image data ($L^*a^*b^*$) of each composited original. That is, when the area tag signal is '00000', which indicates the color original, color conversion is executed to form the image by using YMCK concerning the area (original). When the area tag signal is '10000', which indicates the monochrome original, color conversion is executed to form the image only by a single black color (only K) with respect to the area (original).

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